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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT PRESS REPORTS

1. AMBASSADOR DINITZ HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THE
FOLLOWING PRESS REPORTS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THESE
REPORTED CHARACTERIZATIONS OF U.S. POLICY BY SENIOR EGYPTIAN
OFFICIALS:

-- VP MUBARAK IN APRIL 19 PRESS CONFERENCE IN BAHRAIN, IN
CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING SADAT VISIT TO U.S., WAS QUOTED AS
STATING THAT THE U.S. AGREES THAT THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE
IS THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM AND AGREES ON THE NEED FOR AN
INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

-- FAHMY IN APRIL 19 AL AHAM INTERVIEW REPORTEDLY SAID
THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT QUESTION THE BASIC IMPORTANCE OF THE
PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND HAS NOT OBJECTED TO THE CREATION
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OF A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE IN WEST BANK AND GAZA.

2. WE WILL ANSWER ANY PRESS QUESTIONS RE THESE REPORTS
AS FOLLOWS:

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS SAID REPEATEDLY THAT THE
PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS ONE OF THREE KEY ISSUES TO BE

SOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. THE OTHER TWO ARE:

THE NATURE OF PEACE AND BOUNDARIES.

--WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DISCUSSING ALL THESE ISSUES
WITH THE LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

--WE HAVE TAKEN NO POSITION ON HOW ANY OF THESE ISSUES
SHOULD BE RESOLVED. WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY IT IS UP
TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO SETTLE THEM IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS: WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ISRAELI
APPROACH, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MENTION THESE
REPORTS TO FAHMY WITH CAUTION THAT, IF TRUE, IT WOULD
BE BEST IF GOE SPOKESMEN DID NOT REPEAT NOT TRY PUBLICLY
TO CHARACTERIZE U.S. POSITIONS ON SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUES.
IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD HOPE THAT MUBARAK WOULD NOT
REPEAT HIS REPORTED REMARKS. OUR BASIC CONCERN IS THE
PROBLEMS THIS CAN CAUSE FOR US IN OUR HONEST BROKER
MIDDLEMAN ROLE. ALSO, WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID SITUATIONS
OF APPEARING TO CONTRADICT OUR FRIENDS IN PUBLIC.
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